

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Claims 1, 4-6, 10 and 11 have been amended to further clarify the invention as claimed. Claims 2 and 8-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a continuation application. After entry of the amendment, claims 1 and 3-7 and 10-11 will be pending. The amendment is supported throughout the specification and does not introduce any new matter.

Applicants note the Examiner restricted between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claims should be rejoined and fully examined for patentability. MPEP § 821.04. Applicants submit claim 1 as amended is in condition for allowance. Claims 4-6 have been amended to require all the limitations of the allowable product claim (e.g., claim 1 as amended). Rejoinder of the process claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit the amendment places the claims in condition for allowance.

Abstract

The Abstract was objected to as not complying with MEPE § 608.01(b). Applicants have amended the Abstract as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 and 7 were objected to as containing an informality. The Office Action alleges the claims define Y broader than permitted by the elected restriction group. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that Y represents a $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$ group. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 3 and 7 depend from claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 was rejected as containing an informality. The Office Action suggests amending the preamble in claim 11 to use terminology consistent with the preamble in claim 7.

Applicants have amended claim 11 as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Indefinite

Claims 1-3, 7, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Office Action alleges the term "benzenesulphonamide derivative" in claim 1 and 10 is indefinite. Without acquiescing to the rejection and solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution, Applicants have deleted the term from claims 1 and 10. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the term "compounds" in claim 1. Applicants have amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner to recite "compound" instead of "compounds". Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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